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SUBJECT:ECONADS: NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON
SOVIET FISHING FLEET

REF: USANTO 2315(DRG 21160 APR 77)(NOTAL)

1. THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS C-M(77)39, THE ECONADS REPORT ON "SOVIET FISHING FLEET" ON JUNE 22. WE HAVE POUCHED COPIES OF THE REPORT TO EUR/RPE:SWARTZ AND AMEMBASSY MOSCOW. AMEMBASSY OSLO AND EMBASSY PARIS WILL BE RECEIVING COPIES THROUGH NORMAL USNATO DISTRIBUTION AND WE TRUST THE LATTER WILL MAKE A COPY AVAILABLE TO USOECD.

2. THE REPORT IS SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL WITH AC/127 -WP/502, "THE SOVIET FISHING INDUSTRY", WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE EARLIER THIS YEAR. AT THE REQUEST OF NORWAY PARA 12 OF THE SUMMARY OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORT (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED AS ED/EC/77/28, MARCH 28) HAS BEEN CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "WITH NORWAY THERE EXISTS A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL FISHING RIGHTS WHICH WAS SIGNED ON 15TH OCTOBER, 1976 AND RATIFIED ON 21ST APRIL, 1977. THE AGREEMENT IS VALID FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE DELIMITATION LINE BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN AND SOVIET 200 MILE ZONES HAS NOT YET BEEN AGREED UPON.

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PENDING A FINAL AGREEMENT, NORWAY AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE SEEKING A PROVISIONAL PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR FISHERIES IN AN ADJACENT AREA OF THE BARENTS SEA. THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING AN INTERIM AGREEMENT HAS A POTENTIAL RELEVANCE TO THE FISHING INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THE FISHING FLEETS OF WHICH ARE ACTIVE ALSO IN THIS AREA."
END TEXT
3. AGAIN AT NORWEGIAN REQUEST PARA 58 OF THE ANNEX TO C-M-77(39) (PREVIOUSLY AC/127-WP/503) HAS BEEN CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN TRYING TO ADJUST TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT IN WHICH IT WILL HAVE TO OPERATE. IT HAS SIGNED FISHERY AGREEMENTS WITH THE USA, CANDA AND NORWAY. IN THE CASE OF THE LATTER COUNTRY, THERE EXISTS A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL FISHING RIGHTS WHICH WAS SIGNED ON 15TH OCTOBER, 1976 AND RATIFIED ON 21ST APRIL, 1977. THE AGREEMENT IS VALID FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE DELIMITATION LINE BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN AND SOVIET 200 MILE ZONES HAS NOT YET BEEN AGREED UPON. PENDING A FINAL AGREEMENT NORWAY AND SOVIET UNION ARE SEEKING A PROVISIONAL PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR FISHERIES IN AN ADJACENT AREA OF THE BARENTS SEA (1). THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOATIATIONS CONCERNING
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4. IN DISCUSSING THESE CHANGES WITH US, KILLINGBECK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, REQUESTED THAT WE SEEK TO CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOW SIGNED FISHERIES COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. IF CONFIRMED, HE INTENDED TO CIRCULATE A CORRIGENDUM TO TABLE Q OF THE STATISTICAL APPENDIX TO THE REPORT, WHICH LISTS LDCS WHICH HAVE FISHING AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

5. BEYOND COMMENDATORY REMARKS ABOUT THE BREADTH DIRECT NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDY AND ITS POTENTIAL UTILITY AS A SOURCE FOR CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN THE ALLIANCE STUDY OF E-W RELATIONS, WE HAVE NO

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SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON THIS REPORT. WE WOULD ALSO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE RECENT DIA REPORTING ON SOVIET FISHING ACTIVITIES IN "NATO WIDE" CHANNELS (DIA 4800, DTG 281320 MAY 77 AND DIA 1492, DTG 1100342,JUNE 77) BUT BEYOND THIS LEAVE IT TO INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO SUGGEST POINTS THEY FEEL WE SHOULD MAKE AT THE JUNE 22 NAC.
6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) NATO RELEASABLE INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATUS OF SOVIET FISHING AGREEMENTS WITH ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE; (B) FURTHER TALKING

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